

Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee; Part 65 Working Group—New Task

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of new task assignment for the Part 65 Working Group.

SUMMARY: Notice is given of a new task assignment for the Part 65 Working Group from the Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee. This notice informs the public of the activities of the ARAC on air carrier/general aviation maintenance issues.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has established an Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee (ARAC) (56 FR 2190, January 22, 1991; and 58 FR 9230, February 19, 1993). One area the ARAC deals with is air carrier/general aviation maintenance issues. These issues involve mechanic certification and approved training schools outlined in parts 65 and 147 and the maintenance standards for parts 23, 25, 27, 29, 31, 33, and 35 aircraft, engines, propellers, and their component parts and parallel provisions in parts 21, 43, 91, 121, 125, 127, 129, 133, 135, and 137 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (FAR), which are the responsibility of the FAA Director, Flight Standards Service. At its first meeting on air carrier/general aviation maintenance issues on May 24, 1991 (56 FR 20492, May 3, 1991), the ARAC established the Part 65 Working Group and assigned it a task. At its meeting held on October 18, 1993 (58 FR 49542, September 23, 1993), the ARAC assigned an additional task to the Part 65 Working Group:

Task

Specifically, the Part 65 Working Group's task is the following:

1. Conduct a further regulatory review of Part 65, including possible development of

additional certifications and re-registration of aviation maintenance technicians and repairmen, to include appropriate training issues. Additional certifications would include an advanced generalist and an advanced specialist, based on the current system of Airframe and Powerplant generalists and repairmen specialists.

2. If the working group determines that a notice of proposed rulemaking would be an appropriate measure, ensure that the recommendation to the FAA is a complete package. That package should include the preamble, the proposed rule, an economic evaluation or analysis, and an appropriate legal review.

3. If the working group determines that an advisory circular would be appropriate, that package should include a complete justification and an appropriate legal review before submitting a recommendation to the FAA.

Reports

A. Recommend time line(s) for completion of the task, including rationale, for consideration at the meeting of the ARAC to consider air carrier/general aviation maintenance issues held following publication of this notice.

B. Give a detailed conceptual presentation on the task to the ARAC before proceeding with the work as stated in the task statement above.

C. Give a status report on the task at each meeting of the ARAC held to consider air carrier/general aviation maintenance issues.

The Part 65 Working Group will be comprised of experts from those organizations having an interest in the task assigned. A working group member need not necessarily be a representative of one of the member organizations of the ARAC. An individual who has expertise in the subject matter and wishes to become a member of the working group should write the person listed under the caption **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** expressing that desire, describing his or her interest in the task, and the expertise he or she would bring to the working group. The request will be reviewed with the Assistant Chair of the ARAC for air carrier/general aviation maintenance issues and the Chair of the Part 65 Working Group, and the individual will be advised whether or not the request can be accommodated.

The Secretary of Transportation has determined that the formation and use of the ARAC are necessary in the public interest in connection with the performance of duties imposed on the FAA by law. Meetings of the ARAC to consider air carrier/general aviation maintenance issues will be open to the public except as authorized by section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory

Committee Act. Meetings of the Part 65 Working Group will not be open to the public, except to the extent that individuals with an interest and expertise are selected to participate. No public announcement of working group meetings will be made.

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